

August 4, 2004. Thereafter, on December 2, 2004 an Expert Committee including several experts and representatives of professional and trade bodies, regulators etc. headed by Dr. J.J. Irani, was constituted to advise the Government on revisions required to the Companies Act, 1956. The Committee submitted its report on May 31, 2005. Taking into consideration various inputs, including recommendations made by the Irani Committee, received by the Government on various issues, including *inter alia*, those relating to incorporation of companies, raising and management of capital, audit and disclosure of accounts, management and governance, mergers, reconstructions, compromises and amalgamations, protection of minority shareholder interest, investigations and prosecution for offences, winding up, liquidation of companies etc., a revised Companies Bill is being prepared for introduction in the Parliament.

Budgetary support to IGNCA

2897. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total budgetary support extended to IGNCA;
- (b) the total quantum of resources generated by IGNCA on its own;
- (c) the details of the projects being undertaken by IGNCA;
- (d) the number of alongwith details of employees declared surplus along the details of the voluntary retirement schemes offered despite these projects;
- (e) the details of the plan versus non plan expenditure of IGNCA;
- (f) the details of expenditure incurred on providing subsidized accommodation, transport and telephone facilities to officers, expenditure-wise, office-wise, time period-wise for the last three years; and
- (g) the steps being taken to curtail the non-plan expenditure?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) The total budgetary support extended by the Government to the IGNCA since its inception is Rs. 151.32 crores which includes Rs. 100.00 crores for Building Project, Rs. 50.00 crores as corpus fund and Rs. 1.32 crores as project based grant.

(b) Rs. 4.30 crores have been generated by IGNCA since its inception.

(c) The details are given in the enclosed Statement-I (See below)

(d) No employee has been declared surplus. Only one Voluntary Retirement Scheme was offered to the staff of the IGNCA on 12.5.2004. A copy of the scheme is Statement-II (See below).

(e) The details of plan expenditure is given in the enclosed Statement-III (See below. No grant is released by the Government under non-plan.

(f) No subsidized accommodation, transport and telephone facilities have been provided to the officers of the IGNCA.

(g) Non-plan expenditure is met out of the interest accrued from the corpus fund of Rs. 50.00 crores released by the Government to IGNCA. Steps are being taken to minimize this non-plan expenditure on maintenance and operational activities of IGNCA.

Statement-I

Details of projects being undertaken by IGNCA

Sl.No.	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned (Rs. in lakhs)
1.	Kala Nidhi	113.45
2.	Kalakosa	15.00
3.	Kalasamalocana Series	11.99
4.	East Asian Programme	5.00
5.	South East Asian Studies	89.60
6.	Janapada Sampada Division	103.67
7.	Cultural Informatics	103.00
8.	Kala Darsana Division	1.83
TOTAL:		443.54

Statement-II***Details of Voluntary Retirement Scheme***

No.3/32/2003/SD/AM

**INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL CENTRE FOR THE ARTS
(SUTRADHARA DIVISION)**

New Delhi, Dated 12th May, 2004

CIRCULAR

The Cadre Review Committee on Personnel Pattern and Administrative Management System for IGNC A had identified 72 posts in different cadres, as per details given in Annexure, SURPLUS and had suggested offering of suitable Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS) as one of the methods for easing out staff working against surplus posts.

Keeping in view the short span of service which most of the members of staff have covered so far and also absence of provision for any pension scheme, a liberal formula of Voluntary Retirement Scheme to be introduced in IGNC A was suggested for consideration by IGNC A Trust. The Trust kindly accorded approval to the proposal in their meeting held on 7th January, 2004.

Accordingly, a Voluntary Retirement Scheme, with following features and details is being offered to the members of staff working against posts declared surplus by the Cadre Review Committee aforesaid:—

- (a) The scheme will be applicable to employees who have completed 10 years of service on the date of application.
- (b) (i) Four months pay (basic pay+D.A.) for every completed year of service and (ii) 25 days pay for each remaining year;
- (c) Total number of years to be counted for payment of *ex-gratia* under this scheme will not exceed 33 years;
- (d) For any part of year, the number of days, for the *ex-gratia*, will be calculated on the basis of 365 days in a year;
- (e) A weightage of 5 years to the qualifying service shall also be given to employees opting for the scheme.
- (f) Employees will have to exercise option for VRS within three months from the date this scheme is notified (through this circular).

The staff desirous of adapting the VRS with the above mentioned features may submit their application to the undersigned. A decision to grant VRS or otherwise will be subject to final approval by the competent authority in this regard in each case.

(RISHIPAL GUPTA)
DIRECTOR (ADMN.)

To,

1. All officers and members of staff in IGNC A
2. IGNC A staff union
3. Notice Board

Statement-III

Details of plan versus non plan expenditure of IGNC A

(A) Details of Expenditure incurred out of the interest accrued from corpus fund and other incomes of IGNC A since its inception

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Year	Administrative Expenses			Academic Expenses	Total Expenses
	Salaries	Non-Salaries*	Total		
1987-88 to 2005-06	4899.70	3565.95	8465.65	3309.58	11775.23

*includes expenditure on maintenance and operational activities

(B) Details of Expenditure incurred by the IGNC A out of the project based grants received from Ministry of Culture, Government of India during 10th Five Year Plan

Name of the project	Year	Grant received from Government	Expenditure
1	2	3	4
Bahudha Project	2004-2005	10.00	10.00
Documentation of Rock Art	2004-2005	7.0	2.00
	2005-2006	15.00	8.00
	2006-2007	10.00	6.00

1	2	3	4
Narivada Project	2004-2005	28.00	17.00
	2005-2006	30.00	25.00
	2006-2007	10.00	8.00
Narivada Project (North East)	2006-2007	2.50	0.50
Vedic Recitation	2005-2006	10.00	5.00
	2006-2007	7.50	3.00
Sociological ramifications of the proposed Asian Highway in the North East.	2004-2005	2.00	2.00
TOTAL		132.00	86.50

Opening up Heritage monuments for private purposes

2898. SHRI VIJAYKUMAR RUPANI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating opening up Heritage monuments for private purposes;

(b) if so, whether it will pose a danger to the respective structure and spoil the sanctity of the monuments;

(c) what is the amount of funds of the Ministry have been surrendered/unutilized during the last three years from 2003-04 to 2005-06 looking to the Budget allocations of the respective years;

(d) whether the demands from film world are not entertained inspite of the fact that funds are being lapsed; and—

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) The total Budget allocation in respect of Ministry of Culture and the amount of funds surrendered/unutilized including the amount by which the BE was reduced by Ministry of Finance at RE stage during the years 2003-04 to 2005-06 are given below: